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hate, when we speak of strength within a gang, of fellows who just tag along and join because they have no choice not to join, they feel that it would be dangerous if they did not.

Mr. ADLERMAN. There would be a great deal of fear on the part of the merchants, on the part of the community, on the part of the children in the community, by the parents, and even the schools and schoolteachers, principals, and so forth—there was a great deal of fear.

Mr. MOORE. Was? There still is.

Mr. ADLERMAN. There still is a great deal of fear that has been exploited by these gangs. They have used threats. They have used killings. They have murdered other children. They have intimidated witnesses. Is that correct?

Mr. MOORE. Yes.

Mr. ADLERMAN. We were talking about extortion before. I show you some of these cards and ask you whether or not you have seen cards similar to these in the windows of any of the shops during the rioting?

(The document was handed to the witness.)

Mr. MOORE. This was during the Martin Luther King riot situation when these signs were put, the April 4 riot situation. Those are the signs they had in the neighborhoods during the riots of April 4 and 5.

Mr. ADLERMAN. And they were put up by whom?

Mr. MOORE. The Main 21.

Mr. ADLERMAN. Would you read them?

Mr. MOORE. This one says, "Do not torch. Signed, Jeff Fort, Main 21, Blackstone Rangers."

The CHAIRMAN. That may be made exhibit 185.

(Document referred to was marked "Exhibit No. 185" for reference and may be found in the files of the subcommittee.)

Mr. MOORE. Jeff Fort did not write this. He can't write.

Mr. ADLERMAN. Somebody wrote it for him?

Mr. MOORE. Yes. I am not trying to be funny, but it is preposterous to have somebody as a director—when we speak of the fourth-grade achievements of the leaders, when you throw his achievements in there with the rest of them, then the leaders' achievements are less than the students within the class. He has no achievements.

Mr. ADLERMAN. Do you believe that a program could work for gang members if it were properly supervised?

Mr. MOORE. Not for gang members, no. I think a program should be for youth within a community. The minute you specify gang members, you encourage others to become gang members. We are fooling ourselves when we say you can work directly with gangs in this area, give them something. What about the kids who don't belong to gangs? They get nothing. So they join so they, too, can get something.

Mr. ADLERMAN. Is there any way you can work the program, utilizing the gang leader's influence over gang members in the community, with proper supervision?

Mr. MOORE. Why gang members? Why can't the communities become more responsible and have it like any other program?

Mr. ADLERMAN. In other words, it would have to be open to everybody?

Mr. MOORE. To everybody.

Mr. ADLERMAN. And not involve the gang members?

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The CHAIRMAN. That is enough, itself?

Mr. Rose Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. So you were getting prepared and organized for any eventuality like that?

Mr. Rose Yes, sir.

Mr. ADLERMAN. Do you know about the meeting in Philadelphia?

Mr. Rose Yes, I do.

Mr. ADLERMAN. Would you tell us about that meeting?

Mr. Rose I wasn't there.

Mr. ADLERMAN. Tell us what you know about it.

Mr. Rose That is where the Revolutionary Action Movement people first came into the picture. That was there.

Mr. ADLERMAN. That is RAM?

Mr. Rose Yes. That is where they first came into the picture. A couple of our members went down there.

Mr. ADLERMAN. Did they come to see you in Chicago?

Mr. Rose Later they came.

Mr. ADLERMAN. Go ahead and tell us.

Mr. Rose They were talking over a list. This is what I was told. I wasn't there.

Mr. ADLERMAN. Who told you this?

Mr. Rose Eugene Hairston, the president, and Lamar Bell.

Mr. ADLERMAN. They went to Philadelphia?

Mr. Rose Yes. They had a list of people who were to be assassinated the next time big riots started. They were all of the civil rights leaders that you have, like the guys from NAACP.

The CHAIRMAN. In other words, if I understand you right, and I don't want to put words into your mouth, they wanted to have some of the nonviolent leaders assassinated?

Mr. Rose Yes, sir. all of them.

The CHAIRMAN. All of them?

Mr. Rose All the big leaders.

The CHAIRMAN. So the militants, revolutionary leaders, wanted to have their own people assassinated?

Mr. Rose This is what I heard. I was not there.

The CHAIRMAN. You were not there, but that is what was reported to you?

Mr. Rose Yes, sir.

Mr. ADLERMAN. Did they tell you the names of the people they wanted assassinated?

Mr. Rose Yes, they did.

Mr. ADLERMAN. Who were they?

Mr. Rose I can't remember all of them, but there was Jesse Jackson involved in it, and Martin Luther King was involved in it.

Mr. ADLERMAN. Who?

Mr. Rose Martin Luther King, Jr.

The CHAIRMAN. He was one of them they had marked?

Mr. Rose Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Who else?

Mr. Rose And the people from the NAACP, I can't remember all their names, because I didn't pay any attention.

The CHAIRMAN. They wanted to kill the leaders of the NAACP?

Mr. Rose Yes. The large civil rights groups that are nonviolent,